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REF: A. TRSY OSAA 63; B. USREP JECOR 50; C. JIDDA 4764;

D. JIDDA 4621; E. JIDDA 4252; F. JIDDA 4174

1. EMBASSY NOTES THAT, ACCORDING TO OUR RECORDS, FORMAL EMBASSY APPROVAL OF VOCATIONAL TRAINING PROJECT HAS NOT BEEN REQUESTED OR GRANTED. OSAA 63 SUGGESTS, HOWEVER, THAT FINAL USG CLEARANCE WILL BE OBTAINED WITHIN 1-2 WEEKS, AND THE PROJECT AGREEMENT FORWARDED TO THE SAUDI MINISTRIES INVOLVED.

2. FORTUNATELY, IN THIS CASE, EMBASSY OFFICERS HAVE WORKED VERY CLOSELY WITH MCGUERTY TEAM, AND HAVE A GOOD IDEA OF WHAT FINAL PROJECT AGREEMENT WILL LOOK LIKE. WE ARE READY, ON THE BASIS OF THE DRAFT AGREEMENT DATED JULY 1, 1975, AND DEMONSTRATED ABILITY OF LABOR TEAM, TO GRANT OUR APPROVAL. BEFORE DOING SO, HOWEVER, WE REQUEST THAT ANY CHANGES IN THE JULY DRAFT BE FORWARDED ASAP, SO THAT WE CAN AVOID LAST MINUTE DELAYS.

3. EMBASSY IS PARTICULARLY CONCERNED THAT ADEQUATE HOUSING BE PROVIDED FOR USG PERSONNEL ARRIVING IN RIYADH AND ELSEWHERE. AS NOTED IN EARLIER CORRESPONDENCE REGARDING OTHER PROJECTS, IT IS NOT SUFFICIENT TO INCLUDE A CLAUSE THAT THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE, OR IN THIS CASE THE MINISTRY OF LABOR, WILL BE REQUIRED TO ASSIST IN PROVIDING HOUSING. EXPERIENCE HERE WITH MINISTRY OF DEFENSE AND OTHERS CONVINCES US THAT THIS IS AN UNWORK-
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ABLE SOLUTION. NEITHER DOES IT SEEM SATISFACTORY FOR

THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING TEAM TO PROVIDE ADMINISTRATIVE
PERSONNEL TO ATTEMPT TO FIND HOUSING THEMSELVES. USREP/
JECOR MUST TAKE ON THIS RESPONSIBILITY.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE FORWARD ASAP ANY CHANGES IN
JULY DRAFT MEMORANDUM FOR EMBASSY REVIEW.

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